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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

#### QUESTION OF AMERICAN RESERVATIONS.

LONDON, January 2.  
The Daily Telegraph New York correspondent says Senator Hitchcock, the Government Senate Leader, discussed with Viscount Grey the proposed reservation limiting voting power in the League of Nations. The latter pointed out the seriousness of the results that would be entailed by the adoption of such a reservation. Canada and Australia would immediately protest and he indicated that they had so impressed their view upon the London Government that it would be compelled to back them up. In his opinion disruption of the League would result. Viscount Grey said in conversation with Senators and other officials, that those who insist upon this reservation were unduly alarmed over the possibilities of separate votes for the British Dominions, but they were conjuring up numerical dangers, while the United States will create a very real danger to the League's existence if it insists upon equipping the voting power of the United States and the British Empire in the League Assembly. Senator Hitchcock asked whether the Johnson reservation, which the Senate rejected and which aimed at the equalisation of the voting strength giving the United States as many votes as the combined votes of Great Britain and the Dominions, namely six, would be more acceptable to the British Colonies. He said he thought it would, but pointed out that France, Italy and the other Powers having but one vote would protest that they were unfairly discriminated against and they too should have six votes. Senator Hitchcock made no secret of the fact that he feared the question would prove one of the hardest to adjust.

### AVIATION.

#### FROM FRANCE TO SAIGON.

Paris, January 3.  
A French aeroplane is leaving Paris on January 3 for Saigon, via Athens, Antioch, Karachi, Allahabad, Rangoon and Bangkok.

### THOSE PARIS JOURNALISTS.

PARIS, January 3.  
The press gives prominence to news from Washington that America gives Japan a free hand in Siberia.

### THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

#### PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT REACHED.

LONDON, January 3.  
A provisional settlement has been reached in the moulders' strike, the terms being subject to the men's ballot. The employers agree to a weekly increase of 5s. Work is being resumed before January 19 and all strikers will be taken back without victimisation on either side.

### AUSTRIA'S BAD CASE.

LONDON, January 3.  
The coal situation in Austria is unprecedentedly critical. All passenger trains have stopped during the past ten days and there is a likelihood of an early total cessation of electric light and tramways in Vienna.

### DANISH STEAMER MINED.

GOTHENBURG, January 3.  
The Danish steamer "Jemtland" hit a mine north of Jutland and was lost. Only five people were killed.

### SOUTHERN RUSSIA.

PARIS, January 3.  
The Supreme Council has decided on steps for the evacuation of the population of Southern Russia which is threatened by the Bolshevik invasion.

### TROUBLESOME ARABS.

LONDON, December 31.  
An official announcement says the Arabs who seized Deir ez Zor, as mentioned on December 19, are now dispersing for want of food and organisation. Tribes in the middle Euphrates show determined hostility to the invaders. Al-Bukamal was occupied on December 21. All is quiet. The British personnel captured at Deir ez Zor by the Arabs have been released and have rejoined the British force.

### DENIKIN OUTED?

LONDON, January 3.  
A Bolshevik wireless states that owing to defeat a coup d'etat has occurred at Denikin's headquarters and a new Government was established with General Romanoffsky replacing Denikin.

### DO JAPANESE DISLIKE COLD CLIMATE?

LONDON, Jan. 7.  
The newspapers give prominence to the serious position of Koltchak and Denikin and the importance of a resolve to check Bolshevism in eastern Siberia. A high authority interviewed by the Daily Mail said the presence of the Japanese in eastern Siberia will prove the salvation of Siberia and even of Manchuria from Bolshevik control. He did not think the Japanese would make territorial claims in east Siberia. His experience had taught him they had an innate dislike of cold climates. The Japanese population would not desire to colonise eastern Siberia. Their colonial aspirations lay farther south. What the Japanese would ask for and probably be granted were certain trading and mining concessions.

### LABOUR WINS BY ELECTION.

LONDON, January 3.  
The Spent Valley election resulted as follows:  
Mr. Myers, Labourite, 11,962.  
Sir John Simon, Liberal, 10,244.  
Colonel Fairfax, Coalition Liberal, 8,134.

### AMERICAN "ROUND-UP OF RADICALS."

New York, January 3.  
The greatest round-up of radicals in the history of the country took place last evening several thousands being arrested in all parts of the country. It is expected they will be deported in large batches. Some of the arrested people are American born but the majority are foreigners, there being numerous Russians.

### WED, NOT DEAD.

LONDON, January 3.  
The Times New York correspondent says Count Plunkett was highly amused at the anxiety of reporters to know if he was dead. The London agency which issued the original statement, explains the correspondent, is giving the day on which he departed for Belle Creek, contracted Wednesday into "Wed" which was misread in New York as "died."

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### COMING TRADE BOOM.

LONDON, January 2nd.  
In connection with the anticipated trade boom in 1920, great schemes are being prepared by British traders to give British dominions in the world's markets.  
The Daily Mail says that one of the schemes being pushed forward by the Department of Overseas Trade is designed to increase buyers in the Dominions Overseas. It will, in brief, be a British Empire Exhibition, and will be held at two or three principal commercial centres in the Empire every year much on the lines of the present British Industries Fair.  
The goods exhibited will go from one show to another, so that the utmost publicity will be given with the minimum of expense and inconvenience to buyers and merchants generally.  
Shows will be held in South Africa, Australia, Canada, India and other places, and the goods shown will be those for which a big demand exists and for which a greater development is required in any particular market.

### LIMERICK POST OFFICE RAIDED.

LONDON, January 2nd.  
A masked man, leading an armed party of twenty raided the Limerick Post Office at midnight.  
The sorting office was ransacked. It is estimated that £4,000 in cash was taken, also postal orders and other property.  
The men intimidated the staff of twelve men who were warned not to follow the raiders or they would be shot. The raiders picked up the approaches.  
No arrests have so far been made. The military are now installed at the Post Office.

### OBITUARY.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir Frank Lascelles, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.  
[Sir Frank Lascelles was born on March 2nd, 1841, and was the fifth son of the late Rt. Hon. W. S. Lascelles, M.P., and Caroline, the eldest daughter of the sixth Earl of Carlisle. He entered the Diplomatic Service in 1861. In 1879, he was appointed Agent and Consul-General in Bulgaria. He was transferred in 1886 to Roumania as Minister and to Persia in the same official capacity in 1891. He was appointed Ambassador to Russia in 1894. A year later, he went to Germany as Ambassador and remained there till 1908.]

### ESTHONIAN ARMISTICE.

LONDON, January 2nd.  
The Estonian Armistice has been confirmed.  
It marks a fresh impetus to Bolshevism, and there are already indications that Latvia may begin to negotiate with Soviet Russia.  
The Armistice is for seven days and is renewable week by week. It defines the frontiers and neutral zones, and provides for Bolshevik recognition of Estonia's independence and the neutralisation of the Gulf of Finland.  
The Bolsheviks undertake not to have forces to the west of the river Velika, Pärnu and Sprechtisch.  
Meanwhile a Red communiqué claims that a break through the Don front is developing most rapidly. It has resulted in the capture of thousands of prisoners. It is thought that Denikin will not be able to save Rostoff and Novocherkassk, while the capture of Ekaterinopol is most important, enabling the Reds to consolidate on both banks of the Dnieper, which will ultimately open the road to the Crimea, Ekaterin and Odessa.  
The Associated Press correspondent at Dorpat states that the Armistice absolves Estonia from the obligations arising from its former connection with the Russian State. Moreover, the Estonians are not required to expel General Yudenich's troops until after the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

### IRKUTSK IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

LONDON, January 2nd.  
Reuter has ascertained that, as a result of revolutionary movements, Irkutsk, the present administrative centre of the Koltchak Government, has been declared to be in a state of siege. All measures have been taken for the safety of the town.  
The Japanese are trying to prevent armed conflict, and are determined to stop the revolutionaries from crossing the Angara river which runs north-west from Irkutsk into the Yenisei river.

### STUBBORN MAHMOUD RESISTANCE.

MANDANNAKABE, December 22nd.  
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Once he has been sent to head-quarters, a prisoner's troubles commence. As a preliminary to all else he is photographed and finger-printed, a decided reversal of the American principle, which bars a man from the "Rogues' Gallery" until he has been convicted of a felony. A suggestion that a prisoner be "mugged" in America before conviction would set every syllable of the Constitution quivering, but in Japan "it is an order," and as such goes. To question a police order is neither according to etiquette nor the dictates of prudence, and the records contain no instances of anyone ever doing so. From the photograph-room and the inkpad the prisoner passes on for his "examination," a legalised third degree, held in an underground room, where, without benefit of counsel, he is sweated, perhaps for several days in succession, although the law prohibits the holding of a man without a definite charge for more than twenty-four hours.

A similar law is evaded in America by rearresting the prisoner at the end of each day, but the process is simpler in Japan. Here they keep the fact of a suspect's arrest a secret, and there is no booking to help inquiring friends, if any are foolish enough to run their own necks in a noose by making inquiries. The examinations are legal, however, and are always held in camera, following which the prisoner is either released or committed for trial. There is nothing else corresponding in any way to the American grand-jury system.

The Japanese Bench usually consists of four judges, one of whom conducts the questioning of the prisoner. With the judges sits also the Public Prosecutor, and a few feet away, facing the bench, is the desk of the lawyer for the defence. Judges and lawyers are all gowned in stiff, black costumes and all wear caps of black crepe.

Everything is solemn, everything is decorous and, without a jury to impress, there are none of those flights of oratory with which the American lawyers call upon Heaven to witness either the scandalous nature of the prisoner's crime or the halo of innocence so plain to the attorney for the defence. The prisoners sit in a prisoners' box until their case is called, when they stand one by one before the judges, and are polished off in rapid succession. Witnesses are not sworn, nor are there any bewildering laws of evidence to furnish-legal arguments, grounds for appeal and keep anyone, from telling all that he knows and suspects. The criminal code is that of Napoleon, and the procedure is practically that of the French courts.

The handling of the prisoners is pure Japanese, however. Delivered at the court-house for trial, the prisoners are marched from the police wagon in single-file hand-cuffed, and tied together by a stout rope that circles each man's waist, and is twisted through his obi. Their jail kimonos are of a dull drab and on their sockless feet are grass sandals, in which they flop through the corridors.

The most unusual feature of all to a stranger is the fact that each prisoner has his head covered by a wicker mask, more like an inverted waste-paper basket than anything else, the object of which is to prevent recognition of the prisoner, to permit him to hide his shame under the disguise, and, very possibly, to prevent the whole file from making a bolt for liberty. The eight of a prisoner so arrayed is ghastly, the mask bringing up the suggestion of the hangman's cap. Once in the prisoners' box, however, the masks are removed, while the prisoners sit with deeply bowed heads in an attitude of the utmost humility.

Japanese courts have the name of being fair, and the Bench is honest. A recent charge of spite made against one of the procurators in Kobe was so much of a rarity that it attracted attention all over the Empire and was investigated immediately with a thoroughness that left no ground for suspicion of sympathy on the part of the Bench generally.

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Following the discussion on spiritualism at the Church Congress recently, a representative of *The Daily Telegraph* had some conversation with Sir Arthur.

"I have arranged to go over the Church Congress discussion on spiritualism at a big meeting to be held at Leicester" Sir Arthur said, "but for the time being I am so pressed by lecturing, &c., that I am obliged to postpone the detailed consideration of the points raised and arguments used. I may say that I am not very impressed by the strength of the advocacy of spiritualism at the congress. The Dean of Manchester spoke up bravely, but there was nobody there to state the claims of spiritualism with the force and lucidity of an Archdeacon Colley or an Archdeacon Wilberforce. In fact, there is a striking contrast between the weakness of the representation of the cult at the congress and the actual numerical strength of its adherents among the rank and file of clergymen. One or two of the strongest mediums in England are clergymen, and not a week passes but I receive letters from clergymen seeking advice on points about which advice can be usefully given. These are men who combine their pastoral duties with the practice of spiritualism. There are many others who are keenly alive to the problem, and whose minds are open to the reception of proofs. Among the better-known clergymen-spiritualists I might instance the Rev. Vale Owen, Vicar of Oxford, Warrington, who is about to publish a little book giving a description, communicated by his mother, who is dead, of life in the next world—a book which I have read in proof, and which, on internal evidence alone, apart from the reputation of its author, I consider to be above any imputation of fraud or invention."

## MR. SHAW.

Interviewed with reference to a reported invitation to go to Australia, extended to him by the Socialist party there, Mr. Bernard Shaw said he had no intention of going. He had merely received a cablegram asking him to lecture, and the report in the newspapers was the first he heard about going on his own terms.

Mr. Shaw spoke at the Hampstead Conservatoire on "Modern religion." At the close he was asked if he thought Bolshevism was a religion. "So far as I can make out," he replied, "it is the nearest thing to religion at all in Europe at the present time." (Laughter.)

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**PUBLIC AUCTIONS**

THE Undersigned have received in-  
structions to sell by Public Auction,  
(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE COMMISSIONER.)

**SATURDAY,**

January 10, 1920 at  
10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms,  
No. 8 Des Vaux Road, Corner  
of Lee House Street.

A Quantity of  
Dress Materials, Flannel and  
Flannelette, Serge, Alpaca, &c., &c.,  
Blankets, Counterpanes, Hosiery,  
Children's Suits, Jerseys, Handker-  
chiefs, &c.

Also  
Several Sets of Lady's Furs and a  
number of Fur Rugs, Travelling  
Rugs.

Terms:—Cash.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, January 5, 1920.

(For Account of the Concerned),  
on

**MONDAY,**

January 12, 1920, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at No. 38, The Peak.

Valuable Household Furniture,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
therein contained.

As follows:—  
Large Teakwood Hallstand, Hall  
Carpet and Rugs, Upholstered Seat  
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sion Dining Table and Chairs, Marble-  
top Sideboard and Dinner Wagon,  
Sundry Glassware, &c., Teakwood Twin  
Bedsteads, Large and Small Wardrobes,  
Dressing Table, Chest-of-drawers, (Po-  
well make) Teak and Iron Cots, and  
Nursery Furniture, Pantry, Kitchen and  
Bathroom Utensils including a large  
Dinner Service and Ice Chest (Lane  
Crawford make).

Also  
Piano by Derner & Sohn, Stuttgart,  
Oscillating Fans, Garden Tools and  
Mower, Pot Plants including several lots  
Maiden Hair Fern, Electric Fittings.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

On view from Sunday, 11th inst., at  
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Hongkong, January 5, 1920.

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A 16 Bore Hammer Gun in good  
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This gun is entirely suitable for use  
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game.

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One E. P. Tent in very good  
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**NOTICE.**

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that  
the Partnership heretofore existing  
between PHILIP WALLACE GOLD-  
RING and CECIL HYNES LYSON,  
Solicitors, under the names of Goldring  
and Lyson, has been dissolved as from  
1st January, 1920.

Debt owing to and Claims against  
the firm must be paid or submitted to  
Mr. C. H. Lyson, at the Office of  
Messrs. Lo and Lo, Alexander Buildings,  
Hongkong, on or before 15th instant.

**CHINESE POSTAL NOTIFICATION.**

**TENDERS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR**  
**LAUNCH.**

**TENDERS** are hereby invited for the  
construction of a 40-45 foot  
MOTOR LAUNCH for the use of the  
CHINESE POST OFFICE IN CANTON.  
Draft specifications and plans may be  
obtained on application to the under-  
signed.

F. A. NIXON,  
Acting Commissioner.  
Chinese Post Office, Canton.

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-**  
**MENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.**

**NOTICE.**

**MR. MOWBRAY STAFFORD**  
**NORTHCOOTE** has this day been  
appointed Secretary to the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

**JOHN JOHNSTONE,**  
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

**INTIMATIONS**

**CHINA BORNEO COMPANY,**  
**LIMITED.**

**SHAREHOLDERS** are reminded that  
a Second EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING of the above  
named Company (notice of which was  
duly given on the 10th inst.) will be  
held at the offices of Messrs. Gibb,  
Livingston and Company, St. George's  
Buildings, Victoria, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
on TUESDAY, the 13th day of January,  
1920, for the purpose of considering if  
thought fit, a special Resolution, the  
following Resolution which was duly  
passed as an Extraordinary Resolution  
on the 29th inst., viz:—

"That the Company be wound up  
voluntarily and that Ernest Al-  
fred Mountford Williams of the  
firm of Lowe, Bingham &  
Matthews of Chartered Bank  
Buildings, Queen's Road Central,  
Victoria aforesaid be appointed  
Liquidator for the purpose of  
such winding up, at such remun-  
eration as may be arranged  
between the said Harris and  
Crosfield Limited and the Li-  
quidator."

Dated this 29th day of December,  
1919.

By Order of the Board,  
(Sd.) GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, December 30, 1919.

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING**  
**COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1920, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st January to WEDNESDAY, 14th January, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the

West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, December 24, 1919.

**THE CHINESE MERCHANTS**  
**BANK, LTD.**

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

THE above Bank has this day been

REMOVED to Alexandra Build-  
ings, Chater Road, the premises re-  
cently vacated by the Pacific Mail  
Steamship Company.

Hongkong, January 3, 1920.

**LONG HING & CO.,**

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**ASSOCIATION.**

President: His Excellency Sir R. B.  
STUBBS, K.C.M.G., Governor.  
Chairman: His Honour Sir WILLIAM  
REES DAVIES, K.C., Chief Justice.

**SECOND TOURNAMENT.**

At "The Ring," Volunteer Headquar-  
ters Parade Ground (adjoining Lower  
Peak Tram Station). Specially con-  
structed Matched, capable of holding  
2,000.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,**  
January 9 and 10, 1920.

**NOVICES' COMPETITION &**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST.**

**FRIDAY, January 9,**

at 7 p.m., until about 11 p.m.

Preliminary Bout in Novices' Com-  
petitions. Forty Competitions.

Forty Competitions. Middleweight,  
Welterweight and Featherweight.

Doors open at 6.30 p.m. NO FREE-  
VIGILS BOOKING. Cash on  
admission. Prices: \$2, \$1 and 50  
cents. No half price seats.

**SATURDAY, January 10,**

at 9.15 p.m. sharp.

Semi-Finals and Finals in Novices'  
Competitions.

Also a Six-round Welterweight Con-  
test and a Ten-round Featherweight  
Contest.

Also a FIFTEEN-ROUND CONTEST  
for the WELTERWEIGHT  
CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE  
COLONY.

Between: Sergeant "Sky" Morrison,  
R.N.Y.P. (Holder).

And Seaman Parsons, H.M.S. "Am-  
brose" (Challenger).

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.

Prices: Reserved \$5, and \$3. Unre-  
served \$2, and \$1. Men of H.M.  
Naval, and Military Forces in  
uniform, half price, to \$2 and \$1  
seats.

**BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S,** at  
follows:—

WEDNESDAY, January 7th Members  
of the Hongkong Boxing Association  
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THURSDAY to SATURDAY,  
January 8 to 10, General Booking.

Judges: Lt.-Colonel Loring, Major  
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Referees: Messrs. H. J. Gedge  
(Official Referee), W. Logan, A.  
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**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**

WE beg to advise our patrons  
that we have REMOVED our  
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**CHEONG LEE & Co.**  
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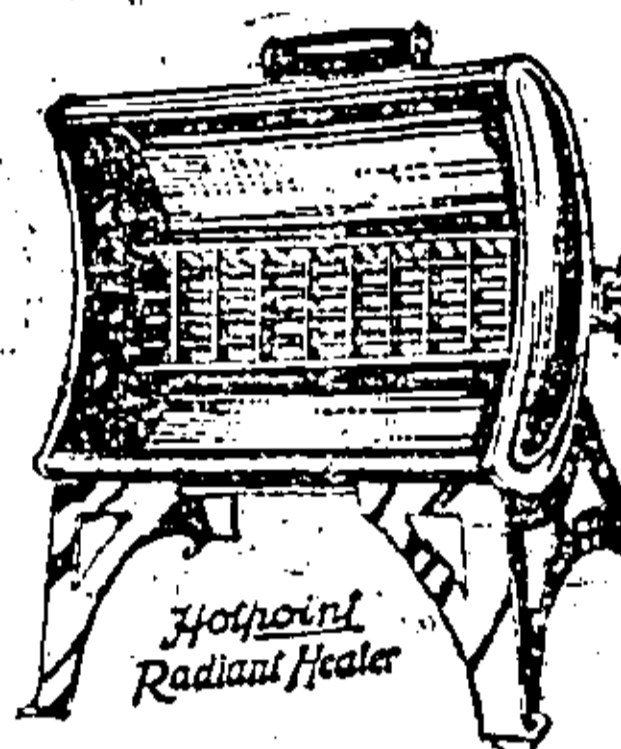
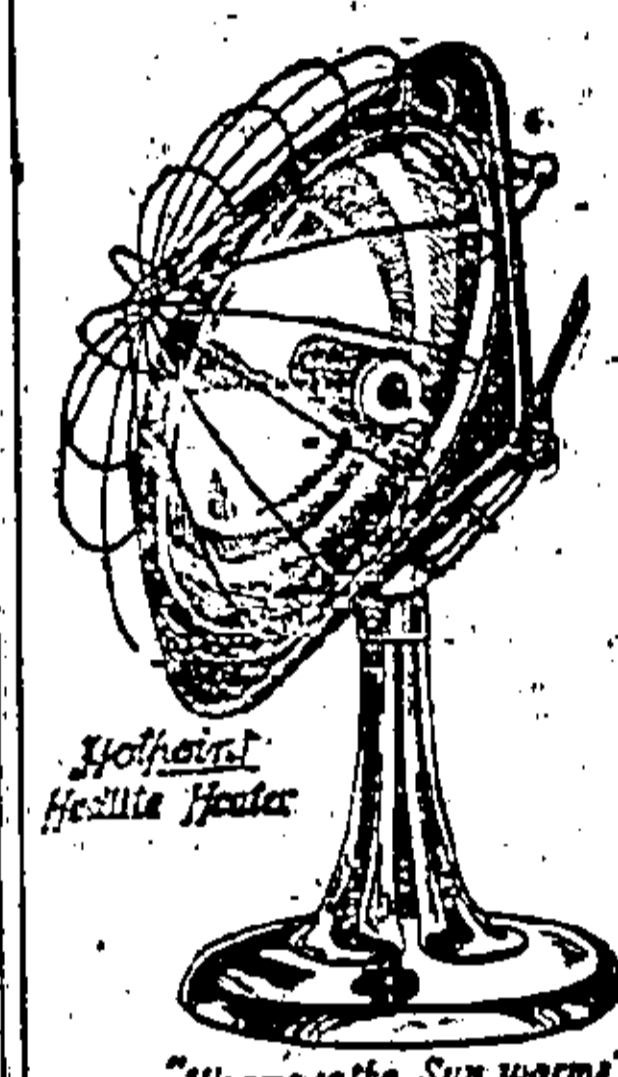
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## BOXING.

## A NEW BOOK.

The boxing boom Hongkong is at present enjoying and the formation of a boxing association to control the contests staged here has brought into being a useful little volume on the rules of boxing written by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, a well-known barrister of the Colony, who during his connection with the Police Reserves was prominently connected with the contests organised by that body. Now as a member of the Committee of the Hongkong Boxing Association he has turned his attention to the rules governing the game and in his book he compares and more or less coordinates the three well-known sets of rules. He dedicates his work to "John Charles Wilda, manager, Hongkong Boxing Association, in remembrance of many successful Police Reserve Meetings and in token of his ability to unfurling guarantee a 'straight fight'." Following an introduction in which the wide powers of the referee are emphasised, the author proceeds to deal with the rules of boxing, pointing out many differences in reading which are of importance to competitors. For instance in regard to the knock-out blow, which is always looked upon as a winning punch, the compiler notes that "none of the rules contain any provision that the knock-out blow shall be conclusive in favour of the man delivering it. There is no reference of a positive nature as to the value to be given to it. Its conclusiveness is, however, clearly negated by the N.S.C. rules which require that the person delivering it shall also lead on points." The total of points is the one decisive factor. The Rule is imperative. The referee shall decide all contests in favour of the contestant who obtains the greatest number of marks. "The strict reading of this rule seems to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance and it is not likely that we shall see a knocked out competitor awarded the fight on points. The same rules, however, further state that 'A contestant failing to continue the contest at the expiration of ten seconds shall not be awarded any marks for that round and the contest shall terminate.' There are many similar instances of interesting comparisons between the rules and a competitor can hardly fail to benefit by giving it close study, while the sporting public from its perusal may gain a better knowledge of the game and perhaps some sympathy with the referee in his arduous position. The book will abbreviate many an argument in future.

## SKY KERRISON'S CHALLENGER.

Seaman Parsons of H.M.S. "Am-brose," whose challenge to "Sky" Kerrison, the Welterweight Champion of the Colony, has been accepted for Saturday night next is in training at the V.R.C. and is stated by the Boxing Association's Manager to be in splendid form. Less than eighteen months ago Parsons fought Eddie Beattie, Welterweight Champion of Scotland, at the Glasgow National Sporting Club. It is expected that the local Champion will have to put all he knows into his fighting on Saturday. In height and reach there is little, if any, difference between the men. Their weights are the same. PRIZES IN THE NOVICES COMPETITION. A very fine collection of silver cups is on exhibition in the windows of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, these having been selected for the Winner, Runner-up and Best Loser in each class in the Novices Competition to be held on Friday and Saturday.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[By Arrangement with the Wah Tsai Po.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6. The Cabinet offered sacrifice to the late President Fung Kwok Cheung to-day. The funeral service will take place on the 2nd February.

The Premier intends to resign the portfolio of the Ministry of War so as to concentrate his whole attention on Cabinet affairs.

General Luk Kam reports that there are arriving several thousand of Bolsheviks at Unga. A military detachment is sent out to suppress them.

The 5th Division of the Northern Forces, formerly under the command of the ex-President (deceased), are reported to be in a state of mutiny owing to the rumour that the death of their commander may lead to their disbandment. Every precaution is being taken.

Over a hundred of the old members of Parliament had a conference at Peking yesterday. This is considered to mean a movement towards peace between North and South.

In reply to the Military Government's enquiry, the Cabinet wires to Mr. Chum Chun Hsun stating that the aeroplane loan has been suspended.

The Cabinet also wires to request the Military Government to cancel the agreement made between the Canton Government with the foreign merchants for running an electric tramway at Canton for twenty years on the rent of £1,000,000.

A joint telegram has been sent by the Northern Military Government to

## A LADY-IN-WAITING.

Sh! Tell it not in Gath—but, All my life long, I have been a Lady-in-waiting!

Ever since I can remember, I have been waiting for a MAN—

Waiting for him to grow up.

Waiting for him to notice me.

Waiting for him to ask me to dance.

Waiting for him to call, evenings.

Waiting for him to go home!

Waiting for him to fall in love.

Waiting for him to discover that he had fallen in love.

Waiting for him to ADMIT it!

Waiting for him to get the courage to kiss me.

Waiting for him to propose!

Waiting for him to make enough money to marry on.

Waiting at the church.

Waiting for him to wake up, morning.

Waiting breakfast for him.

Waiting for him to find his shoes—and his socks—and his collar button.

Waiting for him to finish with the newspaper.

Waiting for him to come home to dinner.

Waiting for him to finish telling his favourite story.

Waiting for him to come back from the golf links.

Waiting for him to LOOK at me when I have on a new hat.

Waiting for a compliment.

Waiting for him to "understand" me.

Waiting for him to discover "what a wonderful woman I am!"

Waiting for him to SAY so!

And, I am still waiting—

For him to GROW UP!

But, I know in the bottom of my heart, somehow.

That he never, never WILL!

And, perhaps,

When your husband—or some other woman's husband—reads this, He will good-naturedly admit, that, after all, the "patient" martyr roles are about evenly divided.

And, that all the agonizing moments he has spent in waiting for you to powder your nose, or curl your hair, or to decide which hat to wear, or to say "good by"—and all that.

Have been nobly and fully offset by the dumb, eternal patience of the woman who waits for a man she loves.

And that every WIFE, Is a Lady-in-waiting!—Helen Rowland in *Washington Post*.

## AN APPEALED CASE.

A Chinese who was recently convicted on a charge of snatching some rice from two Chinese women on the Douglas Wharf, appeared before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning and made, through his solicitor, Mr. Leo d'Almada, an appeal against the sentence. Mr. d'Almada raised the following points in favour of his client's claim: (1) that he possessed a very good certificate from the Inland Water Transport Company of Calcutta as to character, (2) that he had a fortune of 1,000 rupees when he left Calcutta, (3) that he had no need to steal as he could live very comfortably on his fortune, (4) that he was unemployed because he was taking a rest to recover his shattered health, and (5) that he would like to draw his Worship's attention to the arresting fact that if he had felt so inclined, he could have jumped his \$50 bail after he had been allowed out on filing his notice of appeal.

His Worship weighed these points with the evidence against him and found them wanting, and decided that he would have to abide by his previous decision. The defendant therefore has to serve his sentence of one month.

## SERVED 40,000 SUMMONSES.

During the fifteen and a half years he has acted as warrant officer at the Marylebone Police-court, Thomas Williams has served over 40,000 summonses, executed thousands of committal warrants, travelled practically all over the country, covered every part of London and the suburbs, carried out the ejection of hundreds of people from their homes for non-payment of rent, and assisted in the administration of the poor box of the court. On one occasion he travelled over 840 miles to secure the attendance at the court of a labourer for the recovery of a debt of £2 4s to his wife, the railway fares amounting to £4 17s 9d. Williams has just resigned from the Force, on pension, to take up a position at the Marylebone County Court.

Those of the South urging peace. The telegram is a long and evasive one. It is reported General Ni Chi Chung, of Anhui, is dead, and that General Tiao Chi Jui has sent an urgent telegram to recall General Chu Shu Tsang from Unga with the intention of appointing him as Tsuchun of Anhui.

## UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

When a Chinese was this morning charged with the possession of unwholesome food—to wit, some pork, he told Mr. Wood that the pork was given him by two men whom he did not know. He was to carry it for them. It was not his.

Segeant Ellis of the Yaumati Station said he was on patrol duty in Shanghai Street, Yaumati, at about 12.30 p.m., yesterday, when a man came up to him and pointing to the defendant, told him that he had stolen a pig. Witness went up to the defendant who was standing near house No. 233 with a basket in his hand. He looked into the basket and saw the carcass of a pig. He took the defendant to the station with the intention of charging him with unlawful possession, but Inspector Gerrard sent the carcass to Dr. Gibson to be examined and it was reported that the carcass was that of a pig which had died of some disease.

Dr. Gibson giving evidence, said that he examined the carcass early yesterday afternoon when it was brought to him by a Chinese constable in plain clothes, and he found that the dressed carcass was that of a pig which had died of some disease or other. The pork was not stale, but it was not fit for human consumption. The carcass was badly dressed. He sent the carcass to the sanatorium to be destroyed. His Worship (to Inspector Gerrard). Did you see Dr. Gibson examine the pork?—No, your Worship, I was in Court at the time. Unfortunately, it cannot be produced now, as Dr. Gibson has had it burnt. I did not know Dr. Gibson would have destroyed it.

His Worship remanded the case until to-morrow so that the inspector can produce witness to prove that the carcass examined by Dr. Gibson was the same as the one found in the defendant's possession. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$25.

## KEENAN HAS SPLENDID SUPPORT—WELL-NIGH ALL-STAR CAST.

Frank Keenan, who has been aptly described as "America's greatest character-actor," is now an independent producer of motion picture features, having decided that this was the only way in which he could give free rein to his artistic instincts.

For "The Master Man," first of the "Keenan Specials," to emanate from the Brynton studios at Los Angeles, Mr. Keenan has selected well-nigh an all-star combination. It includes such well-known names as those of Kathleen Kirkham as "Janice Ritter," Jack Brammell, Joseph McManus, Hardee Kirkland, Joseph J. Dowling, William V. Mong, Joseph Rae, J. Barney Sherry and many other screen favourites. To this roster must be added Ernest C. Warde, the talented director who has been so long associated with Mr. Keenan.

"The Master Man" will be presented at the Coronet theatre to-morrow, and we are promised a triumph of the art of character delineation with Frank Keenan playing the part of Emanuel Blake, attorney-general, political boss, and head of the party "machine" which holds fast the State within its corrupt grip until a woman's influence shows Blake the error of his ways.

## SLY FANTAN.

Two Chinese living in a house in Kennedy Street, Wanchai, were this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with being the keepers of a common gaming house, and pleaded not guilty. After Sergt. Cockle had given evidence as to entering the house on a search warrant and to finding *fantan* implements on the first floor of the house, his Worship convicted the defendants and sentenced them to a fine of \$100 each, or, in default, 2 months' hard labour. \$540 found on the gambling table, a large quantity of cash, and \$1.66 and \$11.20 found on the defendants' persons respectively, were ordered to be confiscated.

Later on, a Chinese woman entered the Court and addressed the Usher in a high tone. She was immediately quieted and conducted to the well of the Court. When his Worship had dealt with the case in hand, he called the woman and asked what she wanted, and she replied that she wanted to know the amount of the fine imposed on the two men convicted on a charge of keeping a common gaming house. She was referred to the sheriff, and the Court proceeded with its work.

## THE LATE MR. J. H. MEAD.

The body of the late Mr. J. H. Mead is expected to arrive in Hongkong on Saturday next and the funeral will take place on Monday, starting from Stone Pier at 5 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.  
L. LOENOS of private Jurisdiction, private Chair, and drivers and bearers of the same are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1932.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1932

FOR SALE.  
FOR SALE at Peak at moderate price, owner leaving the Colony. Well-built, artistic, 7 roomed HOUSE, large airy verandahs; box-room; Central heating (latest pattern oil fuel), making house dry in damp weather and warm in winter; Lawn; Gardens; Rickshaw house (7 minutes to tram). Convertible into two houses if desired during present shortage of investment. Apply Box No. 1177, care of "China Mail."

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (on account of the deceased),

TUESDAY,  
January 13, 1932, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street,  
A Few Lots of

Double hemstitched Sheet, Linen Danish Table Cloth, Turkish Towels, Towels, Bath Towels, Embroidered Bedspreads and Table Covers, and

Two Mallow Valises, two Suit Cases, Attache Cases, Kinkoran Vases, Brass Jardiniere and Vases, Tassels, Nets and Poles, &c., &c., &c.  
(All New Goods).  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).  
Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1932.

A good theatre manager should be a good fitter: He has to fit the projection to the theatre, the music to the picture and the picture to his public! The manager claims to do this at THE CORONET!

PUBLIC AUCTION.  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, January 9, 1932, commencing at 3 p.m., at No. 51 Godown, Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

A Quantity of Chemicals, (including Tanning Material) 4 Barrels Bisulphate of Soda (Stored in No. 9 Godown) 1 Case Hematine Crystal (Stored in No. 9 Godown) 1 Case Fustic Extract (Shallal) drange quality (Stored in No. 9 Godown) 1 Case Logwood Extract (Stored in No. 9 Godown) 3 Cases Cod Oil (Stored in No. 9 Godown) 5 Bags Quercitron Extract (Stored in No. 9 Godown) 7 Crates Lactic Acid (Stored in C Godown) 8 Barrels Carbonate of Ammonia (Stored in C Godown) 7 Cases Muriatic Acid (Stored in C Godown) 2 Cases Tanning Material (Stored in No. 25 Godown) 1 Case Gum Tragacanth (Stored in No. 25 Godown) 2 Cases Coal Tar (Stored in No. 25 Godown) 10 Bales Jute Twine (Stored in No. 51 Godown) 25 Cases Stout (Stored in No. 51 Godown)  
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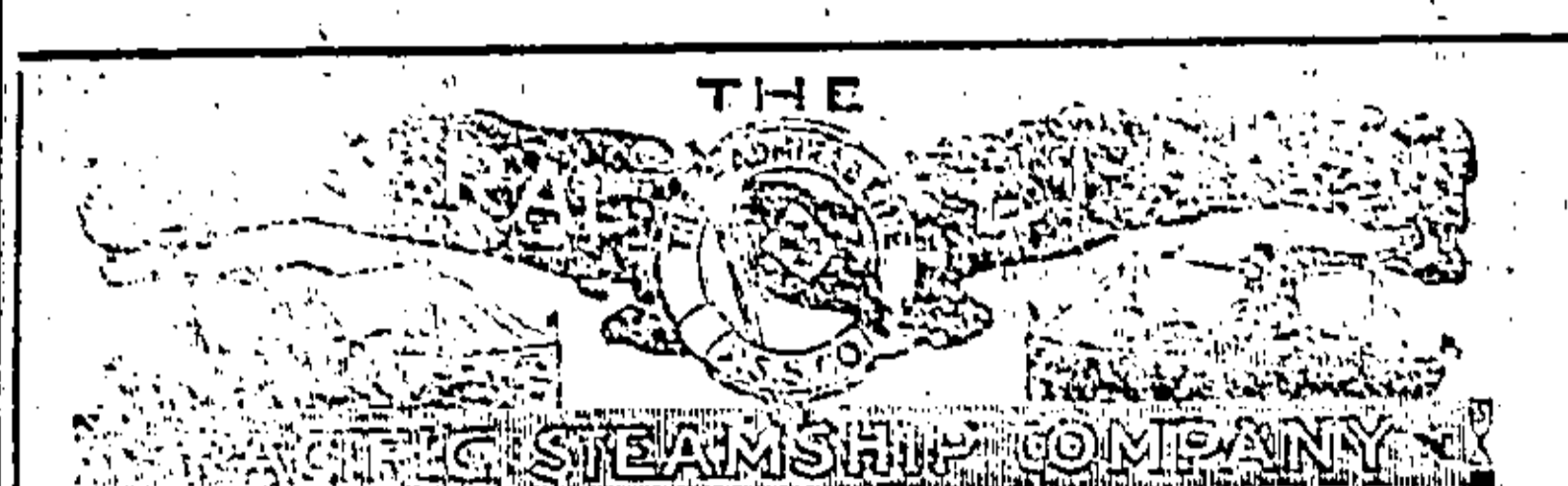
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## BISHOP ON MASCOTS.

BELIEF IN CHARMS DUE TO FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN.

Dr. Cyril Foster Garbett, the newly consecrated Bishop of Southwark, preaching in Southwark Cathedral, declared that the spread and growth of superstition had been one of the curious by-products of the war.

There had sprung into existence a belief in charms, which until recently lingered only in out-of-the-way hamlets. There were men who felt safer in danger if they had with them their special mascot.

"Much of this," said the Bishop, "is thoughtless and foolish nonsense. To the majority a charm is an ornament and nothing more." But some deeper explanation must be found, he said, for what was really a very widespread superstition, and he thought it was to be found in ignorance and fear of the unknown.

## A MAYOR'S BONES.

18TH-CENTURY REMAINS CLAIMED BY DESCENDANT.

Some months ago, as reported in The Daily Mail, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners offered to pay anyone £10 to take away and bury elsewhere the remains of ancestors buried beneath the Church of St. Alphage, London Wall.

In one case only has the quest been successful. Mr. C. A. Hayward, a solicitor of Hoxton, has established his claim to the remains of Sir Rowland Hayward, twice Lord Mayor of London after the Reformation, who was buried in 1593.

The bones will be conveyed to Awlcomb, Devon, where they will be buried in the family vault at St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

St. Alphage's, whose unbroken list of rectors dates back to 1298, has been amalgamated with the parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Aldermanbury. The church is already being demolished, and the many memorials which it contains will be erected in the vestry lower and porch, now used as a rest room for City women workers.

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The military experts have been discussing what uniform our army shall wear in peace-time, but so far no definite opinion has been reached. This means that there are a few people still left who wish to go back to the highly decorative "regimental tail" of the pre-war era. But if they imagine that there was anything of sentiment in the evolution of modern military uniforms they are wrong. The uniform first came in with the establishment of standing armies. Before this, when armed bodies were half mercenary, half retainers, the former dressed according to pocket or inclination, and if any man among them got separated from the main body in a fight there was little to distinguish him from the mercenaries in the enemy ranks. One of the first steps towards a uniform dress was made in Gustavus Adolphus's Swedish army, and the idea made progress with the English armies of the Great Rebellion. Personal choice of colours, and more often convenience, decided what colours should be used. In Austria, for instance, colonels agreed on pearl grey, in order to obtain the dress material at wholesale prices. The French grey of the same period was, there is good reason to believe, chosen for reasons of the utility and cheapness of the cloth.

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Jose, a young brigadier, is keeping guard in a public square in Seville. Micaela, a peasant girl whom he loved in his peasant home, comes to seek him with a message from his mother. As Jose appears, the girls stream out from a cigarette factory close by and with them their leading spirit is love.

and adventure, Carmen, the gipsy, attracted by the young brigadier, Carmen throws a flower at him leaving him bewildered at her beauty. A moment later a stabbing affray leads to Carmen's arrest and she is placed under the care of Jose himself, who vows her to escape. We are next taken to a tavern, the resort of smugglers and gipsies. Here arrives Escamillo, a toreador, and he, like the rest, offers compliments to Carmen. Meanwhile two smugglers, Dancairo and Remedado have an expedition afoot and need Carmen to accompany them. But she is awaiting the return of the Brigadier, who, as a punishment for allowing her to escape, had gone to prison. His arrival leads to an ardent love scene. Carmen dances her wild gipsy measures before him yet in the midst of all he hears the regimental trumpet sounding the retreat, and finally his Captain arrives and orders him back. He defies the officer who is bound by the smugglers and he deserts his regiment. We next find Jose with the smugglers in a rocky cove in the mountains. His dislike for a bandit's life however, displeases Carmen, who scornfully bids him return home, she also foreseeing by gipsy fashion with the cards that they would end their careers tragically together. In the midst of this two visitors arrive, Escamillo, the toreador, and Micaela, with a message from Jose's dying mother. The soldier, frustrated in his attempt to kill Escamillo, cannot resist the girl's appeal and departs promising to return for his revenge. The final scene is outside the Plaza de Toros at Seville, the scene of Escamillo's triumphs in the ring. Carmen has returned to witness the prowess of her new lover and is informed that Jose, half crazed with jealousy, is watching. They soon meet and Jose appeals to her to return to him. She refuses and Jose stabs her, whilst within the arena the crowd is heard proclaiming the triumph of Escamillo. Jose stabs himself and falls across the body of Carmen.

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Waists are anywhere. That is to say, they can be above the natural waist or below it, they can even be the natural waist if necessary. Generally speaking, the waistline is just a shade above the natural waist. This is to allow of high belts, which serve as bodices. No curve inward is allowed in these belts. They must look straight and starched and self-sufficing. Tiers upon tiers of flounces are perfectly safe for anyone who wishes to be really in the fashion, the general outline being boat-shaped, or like a bell with a handle.

Why not?—An old man has no young trunk to graft upon. He begins to age in his central organs of nutrition, and with an old stomach and an old liver I can see no rational ground for believing that the implanting of a 'young organ' will have any real permanent effect upon his vitality or can rejuvenate him.' My own contributions towards the discovery of prolonging life lie in attempting to discover the most suitable organic acids which will prevent deposit of waste matter in the lumen of the blood vessels and within the cell envelope of the absorptive cells of the alimentary canal—or redissolve waste matter already deposited.

The baller tradition makes fullness at the hips seem particularly suited for dance dresses. They are taking full advantage of this. Panniers of some kind are almost essential, and a great many dresses are boned out on an almost Elizabethan model. With the concentration of fashion upon this skirt, the bodice is of the simplest cut. Thus one dress of lemon taffetas—lemon and jade are the two most popular colours—is puffed out at the hips and again puffed out as far as the knees. The bodice is merely like the top of the letter H, with a rather broad stroke across the middle. These square necks and straight, close-fitting bodices are particularly becoming to quite young girls. Another dress of lemon taffetas has a skirt which looks as though it were made of petals, while down each side, to give the extra width, hangs a piece of draped silk. In this dress the high belt is cut diagonally and the top of the bodice made of chiffon closely gathered. A third dress of the creamy colour is made with a full skirt tucked up at the bottom like a Turkish trouser. Rather more severe is a jade taffetas—still with the straight bodice. The skirt begins rather uprightly, too, but before it has proceeded more than three or four inches it is cut clean across by what looks like a crow's nest of taffetas—tucked three times round the top. The crow's nest of course, sticks out four or five inches beyond the natural hip and right angles to it. It is flattened by tacking it to the front and back of the skirt, but leaving the sides open. They are stiffened with muslin to keep them in place. Among the taffetas the flowered variety finds a place in confections of the shepherdess pattern. "M.H."

in the *Manchester Guardian*.



# FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[FOR COUNTRY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

## PANIC IN PEKING.

PEKING, January 6th. Panic prevailed in the Chinese city last night in consequence of a report that Feng Kuo-chang's troops, which were located at Nanyuan, had mutinied and were marching on Cheowmen in order to join.

The larger shops were quickly closed and the people in the restaurants hurriedly left for their homes.

Fortunately official assurances of the rumors being unfounded calmed the population. The shops were opened again, and business became normal.

## WORK OF THE WOMEN POLICE.

Mrs. Stanley, superintendent of the Women's Police Force, giving details of the work of that body, said that during the war there were two or three voluntary organizations which did excellent service. The conditions then were abnormal, but now that the country is in a more settled state it was considered that women engaged on police work should come under the constituted police authority. There were, however, other police women dressed very much like the official policemen. She added that the real woman in blue could be easily distinguished by the letters "M.P." on her collar, and also by her official numerals. In addition, the official policeman wears the "on duty" band. The official women's police have formed a division of their own, and have their own female officers. "We are up to our sanctioned strength," said Mrs. Stanley, "viz., 100 policemen, ten sergeants, an assistant superintendent, and superintendent." The best answer to the question, "Do the women like the work?" was supplied by the large number of applications which have poured in. Under the new rates of pay women patrols received 48s per week, rising by 2s a week to 58s; sergeants, 60s, rising by 2s a week to 70s.

The women work on the most friendly terms with the men," continued Mrs. Stanley, "and do shifts of seven hours, from ten in the morning until midnight. Their work is preventive, and they deal with any matters affecting the welfare of women and children. They have received a thorough training, so that they are able to assist the male police in dealing with street accidents. They have no power of arrest, and the statement that has been made that they have filled the prisons through the medium of the male police is absolutely incorrect. We have one woman appointed as welfare assistant, and the women patrols take any girl they have dealings with to this official, who is in close touch with philanthropic and in rescue societies, and by these means the girl is passed on to a suitable home." Mrs. Stanley added that the work of the women's police was entirely in the nature of an experiment, and she could not state definitely whether the numbers would be increased.

## A CLEAN STAGE.

BISHOP OF LONDON ON VIRTUE OF A GOOD LAUGH.

The Bishop of London presided on November 4 at a conference at St. Martin's Vestry of representatives of theatrical managers, actors, authors, and critics. The conference was called through the London Council for the Promotion of Public Morality to consider the question of licensing all employers of theatrical labour.

The Bishop of London said that the Public Morality Council was not in the slightest degree opposed to theatres and music halls. He enjoyed a good play as much as anybody else in London. As to the music halls, people must have amusement, and a good laugh did everyone a lot of good. What we will not have is filth, said the Bishop. "We are not going to have people go to the theatres to hear things which degrade them. The Christian people of London intend to be masters of their own household, and they intend to proceed until they stop this sort of thing. We fully believe the great majority of managers, authors, and actor-managers are also anxious to stop it, and it is not the wish of the great acting profession to have such things performed in London."

Mr. Sydney Valentine, President of the Actors' Association, said that the tendency of the theatres lately had been downward. Since the war they had had many cases of roving companies run by men of very low class, who engaged any type of girl, and took them to the small provincial towns. When business was good they paid the girls a mere pittance, and when it was bad they paid them nothing at all, and the girls were constantly left stranded in all parts of the kingdom.

A resolution was carried favouring the licensing of employers of theatrical labour, and it was decided to ask the Lord Chamberlain to receive a deputation on the subject.

# WEATHER REPORT.

January 7d. 12h. 10m.—No returns from Vladivostok or Japan stations. Pressure has decreased considerably at Weihaiwei, and slightly to moderately at other reporting stations. The anticyclone has probably moved eastward and another anticyclone has developed over China. Fresh to strong monsoons will prevail along the China coast and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.00 inches. Against an average of 0.15 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 8th, 1920.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N. and N.E. winds, fresh to strong; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel. N. winds, strong to a gale.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

# RETAL OBSERVATORY.

HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 7, 1920.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.		
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